

# CENTRAL LOUISIANA ORCHID SOCIETY

## NEWSLETTER

VOL. 44 ISSUE 6

June 2023

<http://www.centrallouisianaorchidsociety.org>



### From the President

**This month's meeting will consist of show and tell and short show planning session. Be sure to bring your show and tell plants. No program or refreshments this month.**

**Wilton Guillory, President**



**Last month's meeting/program was bending wire and putting drain hole in terra cotta pots.**



**Meeting Time and Place:**  
**Sunday June 18, 2023**  
**Father's Day**  
**Time: 2:30 pm**

Show & Tell entry is 2:00-2:20

**Program:**

**Place: St. James Episcopal Church  
Youth Building  
1546 Albert Street, Alexandria, LA  
71301**

**Refreshments:**

#### Central Louisiana Orchid Society Officers

**President – Wilton Guillory**  
**Vice President – Richard Smith**  
**Secretary – Heather Wilfert**  
**Treasurer – Jim Barnett**  
**Director – Andrea Mattison**  
**Director – Eron Borne**  
**SWROGA Director#1 Linda Roberts**  
**SWROGA Director#2 Eron Borne**  
**AOS Representative – Wilton Guillory**  
**ODC Representative – Andrea Mattison**  
**Conservation Rep - Jim Barnett**  
**Newsletter Editor – Eron (temporary)**  
**Show & Tell – Al Taylor**  
**Webmaster – Eron Borne**

**Central Louisiana Orchid Society  
Meeting Minutes  
May 21, 2023**

**1.0 Call to Order**

President Wilton Guillory called the meeting to order at 1433.

**2.0 Approval of Previous Minutes**

Minutes were approved from our April meeting. Linda made the motion and Judy seconded.

**3.0 Officer Reports**

**3.1 President Report**

Wilton gave his report.

- 3.1.1 The Louisiana judging center will have their monthly judging next Saturday on May 27.
- 3.1.2 Al Taylor represented the Louisiana Judging Center in San Diego a couple of weeks ago with Eron Borne who was recently elected Board of Trustees; which makes us well connected to AOS. Additionally, Eron is quite involved overall in AOS and has accomplished much.

**3.2 Vice President Report**

- 3.2.1 Nothing to report except to comment on a nice sunnyday for our meeting today.

**3.3 Treasurer Report**

The treasurer report was given by the treasurer Jim Barnett.

3.3.1 Overview of CLOS Deposits/Withdrawals since last month and current financial state of the society.

3.3.2 Raffle Tickets for sale – Several items were donated for the raffle this month. Everyone was encouraged to buy tickets.

- 3.4 **Secretary Report** – April minutes were in this month's newsletter. The 'member feature' section of our newsletter is still going strong.

**4.0 Old Business**

Al Taylor gave his report

- 4.1 He has a list of orchid societies to reach out to, namely Baton Rouge and Acadia and a list of vendors. He also reached out to Jeff for assistance. Eron and Wilton will work on the layout, program and staging.
- 4.2 Al is serving as chair and Andrea co-chair. Wilton is in charge of judging. Andrea and Judy will be hospitality. Eron will make all editing of program.

- 4.3 Members discussed needed items such as display cards, items for sale, and place cards for exhibits, classification charts, entry tags and ribbons.

## **5.0 New Business**

- 5.1 New Orleans annual show is on Friday June 2-4. We are not planning to enter anything. Al and Russell will attend.
- 5.2 Baton Rouge will have a show Friday July 7-8. Judging will take place Friday at noon.

## **6.0 Program**

Today's program was held at Wilton and Connie's lovely home. Out on the patio, Wilton demonstrated DIY Pot Aeration by cutting slots in clay pots with a hand held grinder. He also pointed out safety by wearing goggles and having a strong stance. He made three slots in the bottom of several pots of fellow members. Inside his shop, he demonstrated Cutting and Wire bending to clip onto pots to support plants. Several members took a turn in making their own wire frame. Nice hands on learning!

## **7.0 Raffle and Show & Tell**

Raffle Winners: Richard, Wilton, Al, Connie and Heather

Door Prize Winner:

Wilton and Connie provided the refreshments this month.

Show and Tell voting and winners presented as follows:

Best Grown Plant:

All Others Group: 1<sup>st</sup> –Phal. I-Hsiu Venos

2<sup>nd</sup> –No name

3<sup>rd</sup> –Den. Gafton Sunvay and Ciparis latifolia

Best Grown-Pleurothallis brighamii

There was no other business.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1550.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather A Wilfert  
Secretary



## Show and Tell Table







## Louisiana Judging Center Awards



**Bulb. Thai Spider 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 80 pts**  
**Al Taylor's plant**



**Ctt. 'Louisiana' AM/AOS 81 pts.**  
**Al Taylor's plant**





**Phal Mituo Special Vivien 'Melissa' HCC/AOS 77 pts**  
**Mary Richardson's plant**





**Phal. Happy Camping 'Bravo' HCC/AOS 76 pts.**  
**Jackie Bravo's plant**

# Monthly Checklist for May and June

## Cattleya

The last of the spring-flowering types -- those that flower from a ripened hard pseudobulb -- will be finishing, while the first summer-blooming types will be showing buds on their rapidly growing, soft pseudobulbs. Both may need potting, as signaled by deteriorating mix, this month. The spring bloomers present no problems, as you will be dealing with fully ripe, well-hardened pseudobulbs. They will be ready to root on the mature front pseudobulb and will establish quickly. The summer bloomers, will be brittle and may be in bud. Nonetheless, experienced growers know that unless potted now, they may not root later, as this type tends to be seasonal in its rooting behavior. Stake the lead growth to avoid breakage. May can still present some changing light conditions that can lead to burning of the foliage if the plants have not been properly acclimatized. Allow them to build up their tolerance to higher light gradually. Changing light and temperatures can also be the source of some frustration when trying to determine when plants need watering. While cattleyas will be entering into a period of rapid growth starting this month, they have still not built up sufficient momentum to be significantly slowed by your missing a day or two of watering owing to dark weather. As always, it is safer to err on the dry side than on the wet. It is important, though, especially to the summer bloomers. Too much shade will cause rapidly developing inflorescences to droop unattractively.



*Cattleya purpurata*, formerly in the genus *Laelia*, is without a doubt one of the most stately orchids to bloom in this season. © G. Allikas

## Paphiopedilum

The *Paphiopedilum* Maudiae types will be well into their season now, so a careful eye should be used toward staking. Do not be too anxious to stake, however. Many of this type, if staked too soon, will develop nodding flowers that do not face the observer. It is better to allow the flowers to ripen naturally, then support the spike right below the ovary for best display. This is especially common in *Paphiopedilum* fairrieianum-derived hybrids. If you have to do something when you first see the emerging spikes, just put the stake in the pot next to the spiking growth. Not only will this help you, but you will be able to see where the spikes are, so you can continue to pay attention to their development. The multifloral types will be entering their most active growth phase, so lots of light, water and fertilizer are called for to mature their large growths. Many will be spiking in the next couple of months, so be on the lookout for the emerging inflorescences. These may benefit from earlier staking than most, as the inflorescences grow so quickly in some cases that they can be quite soft. Again, best support is right below the ovary of the first flower. This will allow the most natural presentation of the blooms.





*Paphiopedilum Maudiae* types may need staking for best presentation

## Phalaenopsis

Except for the latest-spiking plants, all phalaenopsis should be ready for potting or already potted. Because phalaenopsis are tropical plants, they tend to be seasonal in their rooting behavior. The critical point for potting is when new roots emerge from the base of the plant. This is absolutely the best time to repot a phalaenopsis. The summer-flowering types, based on Doritis background, have ideally already been potted and are becoming freshly established, ready to support their soon-to-emerge spikes for the summer season. Phalaenopsis potted at the right point in their growth cycle will reestablish almost immediately, with fresh roots growing into the new medium nearly uninterrupted. As soon as the flush of new root growth is seen, begin regular watering and fertilizing to make maximum use of the major growing season. Do not get over-exuberant with your watering, though, allowing water to splash between plants. This can be a source of infection for both water-borne pathogens and viral contamination. Phalaenopsis are much more susceptible to virus than was previously thought. Take extra care to keep your collection free of bacterial and viral problems, which you can accomplish by maintaining a clean growing area.

*The AOS thanks Ned Nash and James Rose for this essay.*

Taken from <https://www.aos.org/orchids/seasonal-orchid-care/may-june-checklist.aspx>



*Summer is here! We have some growing tips for you below!*

---

### June Issue of ORCHIDS



The June issue of *ORCHIDS* is now in the mail to current print members.

**All Current AOS members** can [log in to read it online now](#).

June features draculas!

First, Diogo Verissimo and collaborators present an intriguing paper discussing the fact that draculas may well represent the pandas of the orchid world when it comes to endangered and threatened species. This is followed by an article by Wolf Wanninger discussing his practical experiences with the culture of these incredible plants.

Rounding out our June features, Andrew Coghill-Behrends completes his two-part article on a Nod to Dendrobiums: *atroviolaceum* and *normanbyense*.

---

## **Summer Orchid Growing Tips**

---



### **Watch for fungal infections!**

Fungus infections are especially prevalent during the hot and humid summer months, especially on thin-leaved orchids. If you notice spotting on the leaves of your plants, spray with a good fungicide to keep the problem from getting worse. Be sure to spray both the bottom and the top of leaves for best results. Increase your air circulation around that specific plant if possible since poor air circulation is one of the causes of fungal infections.

### **Watch for new growth and stake inflorescences!**

Stake new inflorescences on most of the summer growing orchids such as Epidendrum, Dendrobium, Brassavola, Oncidiums and Phrags. It is a good idea to put in the stake as soon as you notice the inflorescence so that you can keep track of where it is and stake when the growth has reached about 4 inches. Be careful not to pinch the inflorescence because all the growth and flower development is nourished through the stem.

For tips on some specific genera please visit the [page linked here](#).

Also check out our [seasonal monthly checklists](#)!

---

## **Don't miss these webinars in June**

**Click on the images to register for the webinars you are interested in attending!**

**Thursday, June 8, 2023 8:30 PM EDT**





**AOS Greenhouse Chat** - Join us as Ron McHatton answers questions about your orchids. *Open to all.*

**Thursday, June 15, 2023 8:30 PM EDT**



**Dendrobiums of New Guinea** - Join Carol Klonowski, an AOS judge, as she takes to the jungles of New Guinea for a fascinating tour of orchids that grow nowhere else. *Member exclusive webinar.*

---

**Save the date!**

---

### **Fall 2023 Virtual Members Meeting**

**Saturday, October 21st**

The AOS Board of Trustees has approved the Fall Members Meeting to be held virtually this year.

It will be free to attend, but you will need to register to do so. Registration link and information will be forthcoming as planning progresses.

---

### **Take Advantage of your AOS Reciprocal Admission Program benefit this Summer**

---

Did you know that as an American Orchid Society member, you receive free and discounted admission to 345+ botanical gardens, conservatories and arboreta nationwide?

It is YOUR passport to public gardens across North America!

[Download the list of participating gardens here!](#)

Please be sure to read the guidelines to use the program benefits before visiting.



Photo by TOMOKO UJI on Unsplash



**American Orchid Society**

PO Box 565477, Miami, FL 33256-5477  
Phone: (305) 740-2010 | Fax: (305) 747-7154

Copyright © 2023 American Orchid Society